# Status of ARRA Grants as of March 14, 2011 Capital Projects Management Team Department of Public Works

#### COMPETITIVE GRANTS/LOANS

# **Airport Improvement Program**

Public Works received notice of funding for \$8.2 million for Compton/Woodley Airport. The project includes the reconstruction of pavement and drainage in the apron areas of the airport. The Board of Supervisors approved the award of the contract on August 18, 2009.

Status: The first quarterly Section 1512 report was submitted by the CEO to the Federal government in January 2011 before the required deadline. Construction of the project has been completed and was field accepted on February 16, 2011. Board of Supervisors acceptance is anticipated by June 2011.

# **Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) \$15.9 million under the obesity portion of the subject grant program. Public Works was notified by DPH that \$300,000 would be available for Public Works to complete the Environmental Document for the County Bikeway Master Plan. The primary goal of the County Bikeway Master Plan is to promote bicycle usage in the County with new bicycle infrastructure and programs to encourage bicycling in the County.

Status: The Memorandum of Agreement between DPW and DPH was executed January 18, 2011. The DSO was received by DPW on February 16, 2011 and the Notice to Proceed for work on the EIR was issued to the consultant. We anticipate the EIR and the new County Bikeway Master Plan to be adopted by the Board by March 2012.

#### FORMULA GRANTS

# **Federal Highway Administration**

Public Works anticipates receiving approximately \$41.66 million of ARRA funds for transportation infrastructure projects. Public Works will be delivering 19 projects. These projects include pavement resurfacing; bridge barrier rail replacement; installation or modification of traffic signals, signing, striping, pavement markings, and illuminated street name signs.

- Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) Program Public Works has submitted four FAS projects totaling \$13.93 million. We received FHWA's approval of funding for the following four projects:
  - Angeles Forest Highway, Et Al. \$2,655,815: Completed 10/19/10
  - o Gorman Post Road, Et Al. \$2,755,729: Completed 10/27/10
  - Avenue G, Et Al. \$4,694,809: Completed 10/20/10
  - Avenue N, Et Al. \$3,825,347: Completed 10/07/10

Bids received for all four of these projects exceeded the estimated cost range. On May 12, 2009, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chief Executive Office (CEO) when the lowest responsive and responsible bidder exceeds the cost range for any contract to permit Public Works to award the contract for ARRA projects provided that additional and appropriate funds have been identified and it is in the best interest of the County to proceed. We submitted and received CEO's authorization to award these projects.

Status: Under delegated authority, the projects were awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders on September 19, 2009. However, the notice to proceed could not be issued to the contractors until Spring 2010 when the required temperatures were warm enough to place the rubberized asphalt on the street. The projects have now been completed on the dates shown.

- Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Public Works has submitted and received FHWA's approval of funding for the following 14 RSTP projects totaling almost \$26.88 million:
  - Traffic Signal Upgrades at Whittier Boulevard, Et Al. \$206,821:
    Completed 12/31/09
  - Traffic Signal LED Indication and Mast Arm Street Name Sign Upgrade Phase 1 - \$2,815,738: Completed 3/02/11
  - Traffic Signal LED Indication and Mast Arm Street Name Sign Upgrade Phase 2 - \$2,861,283: Completed 12/08/10
  - Reis Street, Et Al. \$229,477: Completed 4/13/10
  - Firestone Boulevard, Et Al. \$1,661,054: Completed 4/7/10
  - 120th Street, Et Al.\* \$179,041: Completed 12/24/09
  - o Crenshaw Boulevard, Et Al.\* \$726,800: Completed 3/26/10
  - o Graves Avenue, Et Al.\* \$611,989: Completed 3/19/10
  - Washington Boulevard, Et Al. \$343,157: Completed 12/4/09
  - Rosemead Boulevard Foothill Boulevard to 566' south of Ardendale Avenue, Et Al. - \$8,188,693: Estimated Completion 11/07/11
  - El Segundo Boulevard, Et Al.\* \$741,958: Completed 3/30/10
  - Mulholland Highway, Et Al.\* \$3,291,800: Estimated Completion 3/30/11
  - o Colima Road, Et Al.\* \$2,945,874: Completed 11/29/10
  - Emerald Necklace Rehabilitation \$2,079,200: Completed 6/18/10

Status: All 14 RSTP projects have been awarded under delegated authority to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The low bids received for 6 of these 14 projects (noted with an asterisk\*) exceeded the estimated cost range and we received the CEO's authorization to award these projects. The completion dates are noted next to the projects above.

 Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) – Public Works submitted one project for \$846,465 to resurface the Class I Bike Trail along the Los Angeles River. We have received FHWA's approval of funding for this project.

Status: The project was completed on 9/20/10.

# **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program**

The Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program will be providing funds to cities and counties based on formula. The County of Los Angeles will receive \$15,412,400. ISD has submitted the following Public Works' project as part of the County's request:

Server Consolidation and Virtualization Project – This project will consolidate servers by migrating physical servers to virtual machines (VMs) on a single server and therefore help reduce power consumption/costs while simplifying management. Each new server will replace 10 to 15 legacy servers.

Status: ISD stated that DPW has approval of \$800,000 for this project. The new servers have been installed and tested. The virtualization of the old servers is currently in progress and is anticipated to be completed by the end March 2011.

# **Community Development Block Grant – Recovery**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant – Recovery (CDBG-R) will be providing funds to the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) based on formula. Public Works is scheduled to receive \$569,300 for a project to install landscaping in the Flood Control District right of way along the Los Angeles River within the City of Cudahy. This project is a part of a list of projects totaling \$7,328,277 which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 18, 2009.

Status: The US Army Corps of Engineers recently implemented a revised Levee Vegetation Policy which had a significant impact on the proposed project. The project is currently being redesigned to comply with the Corps new requirements and a new estimate for the project is being prepared. A new schedule for the project will be available by the end of March 2011.